

Claim Amendments

1. (Canceled by this amendment)
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3. (Amended) An assembly for mounting a mixing valve onto an opening in a shower stall wall, the mounting assembly comprising:
 - a) a mounting sleeve having an annular ring portion, a plurality of flexible locking legs extending forward from the periphery of the annular ring for insertion into and engagement with said ~~the~~ shower stall wall, each leg having one-way ratchet means for holding a locking plate against a backside of said ~~the~~ shower stall wall and terminating in a radially outwardly extending flange, and a plurality of rearward extending hook portions positioned to capture pipes connected to the mixing valve, and
 - b) a substantially planar locking plate having radially extending sections that abut the backside of said ~~the~~ shower stall wall when said ~~the~~ locking plate is held against the backside of the shower stall wall by said one-way ratchet means ~~the locking legs~~.
4. (Amended) The mounting assembly of claim 3 wherein ~~the~~ said one-way ratchet means for holding the locking plate comprises inclined teeth disposed on the inside of each locking leg.
5. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 3 wherein the hook portions are spaced around the perimeter of the annular ring.
6. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 3 wherein the mounting sleeve further comprises a rearward extending rib disposed on the annular ring such that the pipes are captured between the hook portions and the rib.
7. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 3 wherein the legs are splayed.

8. – 10. (Withdrawn by previous amendment making election of species)

11. (New, added by this amendment) An assembly for mounting a mixing valve onto a shower stall wall opening comprising:

a) a cylindrical mounting sleeve having a plurality of flexible forwardly-extending locking legs, each of said locking legs being adapted to pass through and engage said opening and terminating in an outward-extending radial flange for overlying and gripping a front side of said shower stall wall,

b) a substantially planar circular locking plate captured within said cylindrical mounting sleeve and having a central opening for receiving said mixing valve, said locking plate having a plurality of radially extending arc segments parallel to the backside of said shower stall wall and larger than said opening and cut-out sections for slidably receiving each of said locking legs,

c) ratchet means on each locking leg for engaging a corresponding cut-out section of said locking plate for allowing one-way movement of said locking plate toward said shower stall wall, and

d) said mounting sleeve having a plurality of rearward-extending hook elements for engaging, capturing and retaining supply pipes connected to said mixing valve.

12. (New) The mounting assembly of claim 11 in which said ratchet means comprises inclined teeth pointing toward the back side of said shower stall wall.

13. (New) The mounting assembly of claim 11 wherein said hook elements are spaced around the periphery of said mounting sleeve.

14. (New) The mounting assembly of claim 13 wherein said mounting sleeve further comprises a rearward-extending rib interconnecting said hook elements such that said supply pipes are captured between the hook portions and the said rib.